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Dana to Downtown Project Awarded to Golden State Bridge

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has accepted a bid from Golden State Bridge to construct the Dana to Downtown project in Redding. The bid was 0.3% above the Engineer's Estimate and was awarded at \$59,395,523.80. Golden State Bridge of Martinez plans to use local sub-contractors during construction. Some of those local businesses include: JF Shea Construction Inc., Terry Hansen Electric and Traffic Solutions of Redding and Welsh Fence and Iron of Anderson.

Fifty-four percent of the project is funded from State transportation revenues approved by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Agency, while the remaining 46 percent comes from State transportation revenues approved by the Caltrans. The project came within fiscal reach after voters approved the Proposition 1B in November of 2006.

The Dana to Downtown Project is on State Route 44 between Interstate 5 and downtown Redding. Once complete the project will relieve congestion in the greater Redding area, improve highway safety, supplement the Redding bike trail system and provide an enhanced gateway into downtown Redding. Project highlights include:

- Access ramp from Dana Drive to westbound SR 44 will give motorists direct westbound access to downtown from the Hilltop/Dana Drive area.
- Replacement of the Sacramento River Bridge with a larger, six-lane facility.
- Construction of a new Bike/Pedestrian path from the Hilltop/Dana Drive intersection to Turtle Bay.
- Replace the Auditorium Drive interchange with a wider, four-lane over crossing.
- Third lane eastbound between East Street and Park Marina Drive off-ramp.
- Third lane in each direction between Auditorium Drive ramps and I-5 ramps.
- Enhanced landscaping, lighting and aesthetics.

Construction is anticipated to begin in April of this year with completion in three years. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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NOTE: An electronic version of this news release and a rendering of the project are available on the internet at the following web address: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/roadinfo.htm>

